

REMARKS

In the current application, claims 56-123 are pending. No claims stand allowed.

The Office Action dated May 11, 2004 has been received and carefully considered by the applicant along with the references cited therein.

In the Office Action, claim 92 is objected to due to informality. Claims 56-58, 60-69, 71-72, 78-79, 94-96, and 106-108 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) over Huibers, US 6,046,840 (hereafter "Huibers"). However, the Examiner indicates that claims 59, 70, 73-77, 80-91, 93, 07-105, and 109-123 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

With regard to examiner's objection to claim 92, applicant has amended claim 92 to correct the dependency.

Of the rejected claims, claims 56 and 106 are independent claims. Examiner's rejections to claims 56 and 106 are respectfully traversed. Reconsideration and withdrawn of the rejections are respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.

The method claim 56 expressly recites, among others, providing first and second wafers; forming a plurality of MEMS elements; applying the adhesive and bonding the wafers together followed by singulating the wafer assembly into individual dies. These steps are neither disclosed nor suggested by Huibers.

As for the method claim 106, claim 106 as originally filed, likewise recites steps of providing first and second wafers; forming a plurality of MEMS elements; applying the adhesive and bonding the wafers together followed by singulating the wafer assembly into individual dies. These steps are neither disclosed nor suggested by Huibers.

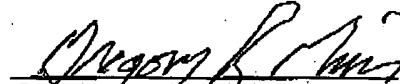
Since claims 57-105 are dependent claims from claim 56, and claims 107-123 are dependent claims from claim 106, they are also allowable for at least the same reasons for claims 56 and 106.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

In the event any fees are required in connection with this response, please

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